

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on August 3, 2005 ("Office Action"). Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 11-14, 16, 17, 19-22, 24, and 25 are pending in the application and stand rejected in the Office Action. For at least the reasons provided below, Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and the assertions and holdings therein and submit that the current claims are allowable over the current rejections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 on June 14, 2005. There is no indication that the reference cited on the PTO Form 1449 was considered. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the reference and provide the appropriate indication that the cited item was considered.

Section 102 Rejections

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 11-14, 17, 19-22 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0200473 A1 to Fung ("*Fung*"). However, Applicants submit that *Fung* merely teaches modules for monitoring specific devices and, thus, fails to teach or suggest various aspects of the present claims.

For example, independent Claim 1 recites, in part, "invoking a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type." In contrast, *Fung* merely teaches a remote Internet management node 136 for "managing operation and configuration for a *particular* ISS," See *Fung*, ¶ 0099 (emphasis added), and fails to teach or suggest a flexible configuration file that includes location directives for a first device type and a second device type. While the Office Action also suggests that the browser-based application operable to monitor a particular Integrated Server System (ISS) 102 teaches the flexible configuration file (prior to amendment), *Fung* fails to teach or suggest that the browser-based application is operable to monitor different

types of network devices, much less includes location directives for a first and second type of network device. *See Id.*, ¶ 0159. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claim 1.

Independent Claims 9, 17, and 25 include certain aspects analogous to Claim 1 discussed above. Therefore, these claims are allowable for reasons analogous to those discussed above in connection with Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1, 9, 17, and 25, as well as all claims depending therefrom.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 8, 16, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fung* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,642,946 (“*Janes*”). Each of these depend from one of independent Claims 1, 9, and 17. As discussed above, independent Claims 1, 9, and 17 are allowable over *Fung*. The Office Action fails to cite or discuss any teaching or suggestion in *Janes* involving the missing elements discussed above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that *Janes* fails to account for such deficiencies. Regardless, Applicants submit Claims 8, 16, and 24 are allowable at least because they depend from one of Claims 1, 9, and 17 shown above to be allowable over *Fung*. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

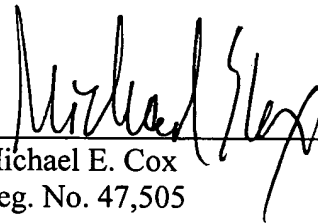
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all Claims.

If the present application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicants hereby request a telephone conference with the Examiner and further request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

Enclosed is a \$790.00 check for the Request for Continued Examination filing fee. Please apply any deficiencies or any other required fees or any credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

Respectfully submitted,



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